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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TOSHIAKI SATO, ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/688,997) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: October 21, 2003)
For: IMAGE PICKUP ELEMENT,)
IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE, AND)
DIFFERENTIAL AMPLIFYING)
CIRCUIT : March 1, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>INVENTOR</u>
09/783,556	February 15, 2001	2614	Sakurai, et al.
10/664,918	September 22, 2003	Unassigned	Masanori, et al.
10/693,455	October 27, 2003	Unassigned	Inui, et al.

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

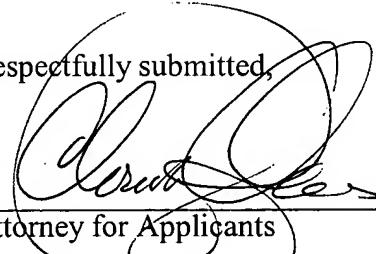
FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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